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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of information previously submitted in a Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 16, 2002 (copy enclosed). In an Examiner interview on July 3, 2003, Applicants' undersigned representative noted that Applicants had not received initialed Forms PTO-1449 relating to this IDS. In response, the Examiner provided a copy of these forms that had mistakenly been filed in the PTO's file. Applicants' subsequent review of the forms PTO-1449 revealed that the documents listed on sheets 5-18 of 18 had not been considered. Applicants' representative agreed in a later phone conference to re-submit the non-considered references, which the Examiner indicated were not received. Based on the above facts, Applicants first became aware on July 7, 2003 that many of the references were not considered. As agreed upon, copies of the non-considered references are again being submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants also called the Examiner's attention in the October 16, 2002 IDS to six pending U.S. patent applications. Since that time, three of these applications have matured into U.S. patents, which are included in a newly submitted sheet 1A of a form PTO-1449. Copies of these issued patents are also submitted herewith.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 as necessary.

Consideration of these references is again respectfully requested together with a return of the PTO Form 1449 initialed by the Examiner indicating the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- (1) IDS and sheets 5-18 of PTO Forms 1449, Filed October 16, 2002
- (2) Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,538,006; 6,444,678; and 6,472,407